



Meeting Date: 25 February, 2010

In Attendance:

Elaine Hinshaw

Aaron Brand

Linda White

Melody Jones

Crystal Walter

Kathy Gray

Jean Rodgers

Jeremy Miller

Bonnie Campbell

Becky Schmiesing

Melissa Hemingway

Adrienne and Emma Ogle

Susan Meagher

Melody opened meeting at 7 p.m.

Melody began by asking if everyone had reviewed last meeting's minutes, and if there were any changes.

There were a couple changes as a few words were incomplete in the minutes. Added Joe Roberts' last name and his wife Leanne to minutes.

Minutes were approved as noted.

Broke into sub-committee



Heritage Sub-committee Discussion:

Subject of the Meeting: Presentation by Elaine Hinshaw

Elaine stated she was a member of the Friends Church. The Church is ready this year to celebrate their 175th anniversary in August. They will also be creating a mini-museum and there will be some presentations at the 175th anniversary.

Then Elaine described the church, how they make decisions, and how they operate.

At this point the committee moved into discussion on Historic Preservation:

How the architecture can be reflected in the City with reference to the Quaker faith.

Historic preservation is not always the architecture or the way the building looks, but often events that happened in them.

When research is started on a person most times it begins with a place.

Historic Neighborhoods and how they give a strong foundation for a community. This is a good point to build on.

Rehabilitating a historic structure will create more jobs than new construction.

Rehabilitating historic buildings or structures will also create craftsmen.

We need to understand what history Westfield has and identify it.

Who lived in the historic structures?

Elaine gave out a handout: Preservation Alliance noted historic structures. The handout defined one's they would like to see preserved. The Preservation Alliance has the background information on a good deal of the structures in the handout.

It was stated that the Preservation Alliance views a structure that is 50 years or more as criteria for the classification of historic structure. The first area that the Preservation Alliance is studying is downtown Westfield. There are some structures that could also be placed on the historic registry. There are five houses currently on the historic registry.

She mentioned May is historic preservation month.

Westfield was founded in May of 1834.

The cemetery that is now known as Martha Doan Gardens was originally 3 acres in size.

The Friends Church will be hiring a historian to research Friends Church history. We may be able to share some of that research once it is complete.

College and higher education was a major focus of historic Westfield and residents.



Heritage cont:

Elaine also mentioned there is a need to get contact information so that we can combine efforts to further research.

It was a little past 8pm when we ended our discussion.

Floral Display Sub-committee Discussion:

Floral Display Contest registration brochure is completed and was distributed to committee.

100 copies provided by Ameriana Bank – Thank you

Heartland Growers will be donating pansies for the 6 downtown planters. Group decided March 20th will be plant day. Will start at 9:30. Aaron will deliver the plants. Melody Jones, Linda White, Teresa Lewis, Jean Rogers and Bonnie Campbell said they want to help plant. Request is going out to entire committee for other volunteers. Winter displays will be removed by DWNA and park staff will add additional soil before March 20th.

Discussed Community Plant Day MAY 1st activities. Start time is 10AM; hope to be complete by 2PM. Will need (2) volunteers to act as host and have all volunteers sign in. Need (2-4) committee volunteers to direct public volunteers to where help is needed. Need 1 committee volunteer to be in charge of each garden.

Aaron and Jeremy will have gardens marked and a plan printed (and laminated) for each garden. We are asking each committee member to get ten (10) volunteers for this event. Please give Kathy Gray their name, phone number and e-mail address. She will follow up with messages closer to the event.

Kathy is working on a flyer for this event and will have it for the next meeting.

Kathy is working with Chic-Fil-A as a possible sponsor.

Linda White asked about the intent of WIB committee members and the CAI – Purdue Extension Education Workshops – Melody will have Jeremy Miller contact Ron Rothrock for clarification.



Linda White asked if we could check with Heartland regarding who can buy from them – and then add this information on the website and take to WeCann to help promote WIB.

Aaron will get back with us on Heartland's wishes.

Sub-committee reconvened with rest of WIB committee for the recap.

Community and Tidiness Sub-committee Discussion:

Kathy opened discussion with the Community Clean-up Day. It is on April 24th which is the same day as Community Plant Day. Melissa brought up that Ameriana Bank is going to participate in the Clean-up day by having a Shred It area at the bank during the event. Discussion was brought up that we could possibly have another Shred It day in the fall. We will discuss this potential small event at a future date.

Susan wanted the committee to inquire about the pots downtown being cracked and needing touching up. An idea was touched on to have a potted garden downtown close to the area that the vacant lot was on. Grand Junction possibly being a few years away from completion thought having a temporary garden might be a possible project.

Differences between potted plants and plants in the ground were discussed. Decision was made to forgo the potted plants garden.

Kathy proposed the Plant a Row for the Hungry project. Possibly approach WeCan about each HOA participating in the Plant a Row project.

Crystal asked about possibly approaching and rebuilding any unsightly areas around the city. How do we get apartment complexes to get involved in city beautification

Community Garden's at apartments

Sub-committee agreed to launch the Plant A Row for the Hungry as our endeavor this year.



Sub-committee will email each other and keep in touch as we build this idea

Melissa will talk to her contact at Open Doors of Westfield about potentially accepting fresh produce from the HOA's as harvest is taken in

Kathy will talk to and find other resources to donate fresh produce

Move forward with approaching and being prepared for WeCan meeting

All Sub-committee's reconvened.

Reviewed Community and Tidiness ideas with the rest of the committee members in attendance.

Reviewed Floral Display ideas with the rest of committee members in attendance.

Reviewed Heritage ideas with the rest of committee members in attendance.

Melody discussed with the committee the Hamilton County Tidy-Up Day. It is being held on the same day as our Arbor Day, Saturday April 24th, 2010. Hopefully, we will have lots of volunteers and maybe a few of us could help with the City's efforts to participate in this as well.

Melody closed the meeting.

Next meeting March 25, 2010. City Service Building, Main Media Room.

Adjourned at: 8:40 pm

Minutes submitted for approval by: Kathy Gray March 11, 2010.